

Kelly Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board Meeting
25 January 2000 6:30 p.m.
Dwight Middle School

Members/Alternates Present:

Public Members:

Mr. Pat McCullough
RAB Installation Co-Chair
Mr. Mark Weegar
TNRCC
Ms. Laura Stankosky
EPA
Mr. John A. Jacobi
TDH
Mr. Sam Sanchez
Metropolitan Health District
Brig. Gen. Robert M. Murdock
SA-ALC/CV
Mr. Edward Weinstein
SAWS
Mr. Nicolas Rodriguez, Jr.
BMWD

Community Members:

Dr. Gene Lené
RAB Community Co-Chair
Mr. Sam Murrah
Mrs. Dominga Adames
Mr. Paul Roberson
Greater Kelly Development Authority.
Mr. Armando Quintanilla
Mr. John Herndon, Alt. for Mr. Iglesias
Ms. Tanya Huerta
Ms. Annalisa Peace
Mr. George Rice
Mr. Roy Huff, Alt. for Mr. Mixon
Mr. Roy Botello
Mr. Mark Puffer

Members Absent Without Alternate:

Mr. Juan Solis, Sr.
Mrs. Yolanda Johnson

Mr. Paul Person

I. Call to Order

- A. Mr. Pat McCullough, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Mr. McCullough asked the RAB members to introduce themselves.

II. Administrative Topics

- A. Action items from the last RAB meeting were reviewed.
 - 1. Mr. Armando Quintanilla said he did not receive an adequate response regarding his concerns about the relative risk rankings for Zones 4 and 5. He said he had asked for a presentation to the RAB regarding this subject. The letter he received from the Air Force on this matter did not answer his question.
 - a) A relative risk presentation will be added to the agenda for the April RAB meeting.
 - 2. Mr. George Rice said the response to Action Item 5 did not answer his question regarding the Air Force's investigation into the possibility of vinyl chloride vapors seeping into people's homes.
 - a) The co-chairs agreed to address that question specifically at the next RAB meeting.
 - 3. Regarding Action Item 6, Mr. Rice said he would like a specific answer to question, "What is the Air Force's position on using pump and treat and inject methods at site S-4?" He was assured an answer at the next meeting.

B. Election of New Community Co-chair

1. Mr. John Jacobi, Parliamentarian, conducted the election of the new community co-chair and community members.
2. The RAB community members nominated Dr. Gene Lené to another term as Community Co-Chair. As no other nominees were presented, Dr. Lené was named co-chair by acclamation.
3. Member elections
 - a) Membership applications were voted on by the RAB. Current RAB members requesting to continue on the board included Mr. Rice, Mr. Mark Puffer, and Ms. Annalisa Peace. Mr. Alfred Rocha was a new applicant.
 - b) The applicants presented received unanimous approval by the board.
 - c) Current member Mr. Paul Person, and new applicants Mr. Walter Martinez and Mr. Názirite Pérez were not present. The RAB agreed to vote on their applications at the next meeting.

C. October Meeting Minutes

1. The minutes for the October 1999 RAB meeting were approved without change.

D. Mr. McCullough introduced the newly contracted facilitators who will assist with the RAB: Mr. John Folk-Williams, and Ms. Ruth Garcia. Ms. Linda Ximenes, a third member of the facilitation team, was introduced after the break.

III. Community Time

- A. Mr. Chavel Lopez, Southwest Workers Union, read a prepared statement to the RAB. He stated the transition of Kelly AFB should take into account the community's interests and concerns. He called for a just transition, a timely cleanup and jobs for the people living in the area. Attachment 2 is the full text of his statement.
- B. Ms. Christina Flores read a prepared statement indicating her concerns for the health of the people living in the area. She blamed the Air Force for health problems in her neighborhood, including her family. Attachment 3 is the full text of her statement..
- C. Ms. Margaret Grybos, a teacher at Dwight Middle School, asked for a copy of any long term health study that showed where monitored natural attenuation worked in an area comparable to San Antonio. She also said she would like to see studies on hexavalent chromium. She also asked if the Air Force would provide a program to allow the people in the community to undergo the special tests required to determine exposure to vinyl chloride.
- D. Mr. Frank Peña addressed property values in his comments. He asked if those leading the redevelopment of Kelly AFB had assessed the impact of the contamination to economic development. He commented the Air Force was not listening to the people's concerns, and therefore, not communicating. He said the RAB looks nice, but is doing little to solve the problems. He said he planned to sue the Air Force when the contamination reaches his property.

IV. ATSDR Update

- A. Ms. Maria Teran-MacIver, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), addressed the board regarding the status of the Public Health Assessment. (See Attachment 4.) She said ATSDR had not been able to find a relationship between current air emissions from Kelly AFB and illnesses in the area. They are still looking at past data to determine any relationship. She said they are also looking at any potential emissions from jet engines that could have exposed people to jet fuel. She encouraged the

RAB to seek out local researchers to aid them in their work.

B. Discussion

1. Mr. Quintanilla asked when the assessments would be completed.
 - a) He was told the air assessment would be ready in July, and soil/gas assessments by the end of the year.
2. Ms. Grybos asked why they didn't look the health records of workers on base.
 - a) She was told that work was usually done by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration. However if workers were affected by contaminated drinking water on base then ATSDR may investigate.
3. Mr. Quintanilla asked if fuel misting from jets operated around the base would be considered.
 - a) Yes. They did not have any information yet, but were expecting to get some.
4. Mr. Roy Huff suggested ATSDR expanded their comparisons to include other zip codes in the San Antonio area.

V. Redevelopment Update

A. Mr. Roberson summarized his presentation.

1. He said the vision of the Greater Kelly Development Authority (GKDA) is to develop Kelly into a world-class repair facility and logistics distribution center for the south-central U.S. He said KellyUSA is well on its way to that end, but there is still much to do.
2. He said the base needs to look more like an industrial park and less like a closing Air Force base. To achieve this and other goals will take a considerable investment from the community. But in the end, he said, there will be more jobs at KellyUSA by 2006 than there were in 1996.
3. He indicated that environmental cleanup was vital to the success of the redevelopment effort. GKDA is committed to ensuring the cleanup is completed and new tenants will adhere to environmental standards and regulations.
4. Once the transition is complete, all the land (with a few exceptions) will belong to the GKDA. He described the GKDA as a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to redevelop Kelly AFB. Any revenues realized will be reinvested into the redevelopment effort, with the benefit being good-paying jobs for the people of San Antonio.
5. The runway will remain Air Force property. Zoning of any land adjacent to the runway would likely remain the same as long as the runway remains in use. He said zoning changes were beyond his control.

B. Discussion

1. A member of the audience asked about land use off the end of the runways.
 - a) That is a zoning issue and as long as the runway is used the zoning would not likely change.
2. Mr. Quintanilla asked about job growth.
 - a) There are now 5,000 new jobs; well on the way to 9,000 by 2006. The Air Force is expected to keep 7,000 jobs at KellyUSA.

VI. RAB Workshop Results

- A. Mr. Bob Ashcroft summarized the RAB workshops held November 18, 1999. (See Attachment 5.)**

A short break was taken.

VII. Technical Review Subcommittee (TRS) Report

- A. Dr. Lené presented the reports of the last three TRS meetings. (See Attachment 6.) He also presented a Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Update. (See Attachment 7.)
- B. Dr. Lené noted attendance of the TRS had failed to provide a community quorum at one meeting. He encouraged the members to attend the meetings.
- C. Ms. Laura Stankosky, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6, reported the soil and groundwater sampling events funded by the EPA are scheduled to occur February 8 and 9. She said the wells to be sampled were chosen by the TRS. Mr. Rice provided soil sampling locations in the North Kelly Gardens area. She said the RAB and the public were invited to observe the sampling events. She plans to notify the RAB of the exact details of the location and specific time the sampling will begin.

VIII. TAPP Contractor Presentation

- A. Dr. Katherine Squibb's flight from the East Coast was cancel due inclement weather. Her presentation will be rescheduled.

IX. Zones Update

- A. Mr. William Ryan was asked to give a brief explanation the Zone Update Posters on display. He presented the information and explained how each site was progressing along its regulatory schedule. He stated Kelly AFB has been provided sufficient funding to ensure all sites can be worked on simultaneously.

X. Community Comments

- A. No audience members made comments.
- B. Mr. Mark Weegar, TNRCC, asked representatives from ATSDR if they were planning to organize a Community Assistance Panel (CAP) in the area.
 - 1. Ms. Teran-MacIver said ATSDR would look into the possibility of organizing a CAP here. She was asked to make a presentation at a future RAB meeting. She agreed.
- C. Mr. McCullough announced a special RAB meeting would be held in February or March to present the findings of two important reports (due to be released in February). These reports address the off-base groundwater contamination and the Zone 5 Corrective Measures Study. He said the date and location of the meeting will be announced when the Air Force has a better idea of when the reports will be completed.

XI. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

- A. The next regular RAB meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 11, 2000 at Brentwood Middle School.
- B. Suggested agenda items for the next RAB meeting
 - 1. Relative Risk Site Evaluation Briefing
 - 2. Dr. Squibb's TAPP Presentation
 - 3. Mr. Lynch's TAPP Presentation
 - 4. Fuel Misting
 - 5. ATSDR Briefing on CAP
 - 6. Community Member election

C. Action Items for the next RAB Meeting

ITEM#	Requestor	Request
1	Mr. Rice	Explain vinyl chloride emanations from groundwater into homes.
2	Mr. Rice	Air Force's position on pump, treat and injection at Site S-4.
3	Mr. Quintanilla	Aircraft jet engine fuel misting.
4	Ms. Grybos	Written information on a on-base drinking water contamination incident from several years ago.
5	Ms. Grybos	Would like to see any study on monitored natural attenuation conducted on any area similar to San Antonio
6	Ms. Grybos	Would like to see studies on hexavalent chromium.
7	Ms. Grybos	Would Air Force would provide testing for the community to determine if they were exposed to vinyl chloride
8	Ms. Grybos	What are the materials that are being hauled in the trucks lined with plastic. She reported she was told material came out when the plastic flaps came off.

D. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Motions/Resolutions

Motions

1. Motion was made to vote on membership for Mr. Person, Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Pérez at the April meeting.
 - Passed unanimously
2. Motion was made to waive the two week applicant filing requirement for Ms. Peace.
 - Passed unanimously
3. Motion was made to approve the October 5, 1999 RAB minutes.
 - Passed unanimously
4. Motion was made to have a Relative Risk Site Evaluation Briefing at the next meeting.
 - Passed unanimously

Attachments (* Items were provided at the meeting to all RAB members).

1. Kelly AFB Restoration Advisory Board Materials Package*
 - Jan 25, 2000 RAB Meeting
2. Mr. Lopez's prepared statement
3. Ms. Flores' prepared statement
4. ATSDR Briefing Sheet*
5. RAB Workshop Summary
6. Technical Review Subcommittee report notes
7. TAPP Update
8. Zone Status poster copies*